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NUNAVUT PLANNING COMMISSION RECEIVES FUNDING TO HOLD ADDITIONAL HEARINGS TOWARDS COMPLETION OF NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN

Iqaluit, Nunavut (April 11, 2022) The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) will hold additional public hearings in the journey towards a final Land Use Plan for the territory thanks to additional funding from the Government of Canada. Once finalized, the Plan will encompass one-fifth of Canada's land mass, encompassing 3.3 million square kilometers including land, freshwater, and marine areas, and will be the largest land use plan of its kind in the world.

The NPC applied for \$5.5 million to fund community engagement meetings and two additional public hearings at Pond Inlet and Iqaluit in the Qikiqtaaluk (Baffin) region which will allow for completion of the final phase of the consultation process toward an historic first comprehensive Land Use Plan for Nunavut.

"We applaud the vision of the federal government and Minister of Northern Affairs Dan Vandal to fund these additional hearings and ensure that all the people of Nunavut are fully consulted," said Commission Chair Andrew Nakashuk. "The funding is a crucial step towards fulfilling the vision of Inuit self-determination as required in the [Nunavut Agreement](#) and national reconciliation with Indigenous peoples."

"This funding demonstrates Canada's commitment to fulfill the terms of the Nunavut Agreement which requires Inuit-led land use planning as a key piece of self-determination," said NPC Executive Director Sharon Ehloak. "It also supports efforts to work together to create a final plan that will protect the Inuit way of life, Nunavut's unique environment and wildlife while also creating economic opportunities for Nunavummiut."

Public hearings in the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions have been rescheduled because of the COVID 19 outbreak and to accommodate concerns raised by Inuit organizations about access to documents. The hearings will take place at the following dates and locations:

Community	Venue	Hearing Date
Cambridge Bay, NU	Luke Novoligak Community Hall	September 12-15, 2022
Rankin Inlet, NU	Singiituuq Complex	September 19-23, 2022
Thompson, MB	Royal Canadian Legion	September 26-27, 2022
Pond Inlet, NU	Community Hall	October 24-27 2022
Iqaluit, NU	Cadet Hall	November 14-19, 2022



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The final plan will establish guidelines on how, where and when the land can be used and delivers on the NPC's mandate for land use and sustainable development in the Nunavut Settlement Area. Following the hearings, a recommended Plan will be submitted to the Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. for consideration and approval in the second quarter of 2023. The 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan can be found at: <https://www.nunavut.ca/>

About the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of land use plans for resource use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The NPC was established in 1993 under the Nunavut Agreement.

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